

DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting Mr. Dulles had [REDACTED] present to address the Deputies on their request for \$3.7 million in additional funds during Fiscal Year 1957 for research and development. The Director said that he did not like to approve of a "hunting licence" in this amount and that he would prefer to identify those projects which seemed essential, approve of those, and defer action on the remainder. After some further discussion it was agreed that the audio surveillance research should go forward and the Director approved of \$1,000,000 of the TSS request at this time. He stated that any subsequent request would have to come to [REDACTED] and/or Frank Wisner and then to the Director for approval in consideration of the funds available on an Agency basis. It will not be necessary, however, to return to the Project Review Committee.

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2. Mr. Dulles announced that Mr. Dearborn would shortly fill the position vacated by Bill Jackson as Special Assistant to the President. The duties, however, will be divided between Bob Cutler and Dearborn.

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4. Met with Frank Wisner and [REDACTED] to brief them on the Director's decisions with regard to the total Agency Budget for Fiscal Year 1959, the Fiscal Year 1959 Character and Level paper, and the DD/P personnel ceiling. Dick called me later and wanted to know exactly what the figure was on the personnel ceiling. I told him that the Director was not specific about this but that I would get together with him sometime next week and figure out what it should be.

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5. Jim Garrison telephoned to say that the [REDACTED] Program had been held up because of the proposed merger with Project AQUATONE but that as of yesterday [REDACTED] had advised [REDACTED] that the two could not be merged at this time and that the Office of Logistics should proceed with the construction program in support of the [REDACTED] (In this connection Dick also stayed for my briefing of Messrs. Wisner and [REDACTED] on the

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Director's decision with regard to the Budget. It is obvious that they would all like to scrap the [REDACTED] and, again, it seemed evident that General Cabell was carrying this ball all by himself.)

6. [REDACTED] telephoned and seemed rather unhappy that Hart Perry and Harry Wilhelm wanted to see TSS equipment on their visit to Europe. I said that I would try to minimize their scrutiny but that I did not see how we could deny them permission to stop at our stations if they wanted to. He asked me to do the best I could and said that if I wanted him to talk to Hart Perry about it he would be glad to do so.

7. [REDACTED] were in to show me the layout of the immediate Office of the DD/S in the new building. I asked them to make a further study of the arrangement before finalizing a plan.

8. Ed Saunders and I saw the Director again about the budget projection and the Clandestine Services' Character and Level Program. He signed a letter to the Director of the Budget and a memorandum to the Deputy Director (Plans) on these respective subjects.

9. Attended the annual meeting of Government Services, Inc.

10. The case of [REDACTED] which Shef had briefed me on early in the morning was also discussed at the Deputies' Meeting. [REDACTED] has been diagnosed as a paranoid. The Director decided not to see him and asked [REDACTED] to get someone from the Office of Security and the Medical Staff together and make a plan for the handling of [REDACTED]

11. Met with [REDACTED] and asked him to supply me in writing with the information he had furnished orally concerning the Management Staff and [REDACTED]

12. Interviewed [REDACTED] about his next assignment. [REDACTED] wanted to go to the Commercial Staff and failed to understand the opinion of those who questioned his performance at the grade GS-14 level. He was perfectly reasonable about the whole thing, however. I told him that I thought his next assignment would have to be in the Audit Staff or the Office of the Comptroller at the grade GS-13 level and that he should proceed with his thinking along these lines; further, that he definitely should not consider himself a candidate for the Commercial Staff.